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UPDATE

BZA Approves 2501 Pennsylvania Avenue Project

On June 9, 1993, the Board of Zoning Adjustment unanimously approved (3-0) the modified development project at 2501 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. The modified project was the result of an agreement between the Foggy Bottom Association and the developer Chatham Lake Associates. Under the agreement, the FBA agreed to drop all litigation and support a modified plan which included the following changes; reduced building height; guaranteed retail on Pennsylvania Avenue; revised design which is simpler and more compatible with the two historic landmarked building on the block; and protection for the landmarked Haller building in case of damage. The revised scheme will have 25% residential use which is approximately half of the previous proposal.

The BZA praised the collaborative efforts between the developer and the community. The BZA was particularly impressed with the design and the scale of the proposed building. Approval for an expedited order was granted and a written order should be issued within a month of the hearing date. The developer will present the proposed design to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) at

its regularly scheduled meeting in July. HPRB must still grant final conceptual approval for the project. The developer is actively marketing the building and construction will begin after a tenant is identified.

DPW Rejects Committee of 100 Plan

On May 18, 1993, the D.C. Department of Public Works (DPW) publicly rejected the Committee of 100's proposed plan to renovate the Whitehurst-Freeway. DPW, represented by spokesman Tom Burke, stated that the proposed plan would add \$20 million to the renovation project, could not accommodate four lanes at the proposed intersection at 27th & Pennsylvania Avenue, and impeded pedestrian access at 27th & K. The findings were presented to a Task Force of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) which last July had requested a review of the Committee of 100's plan. NCPC will hold a public meeting in July or September to review DPW's recommendation.

The NCPC is required by law to protect the "Federal interest" in all development projects within the District of Columbia. NCPC's role in the Whitehurst Freeway project is to determine if additional fed-

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Plan For Fall Party

By popular demand, the Foggy Bottom Association will again sponsor its annual fall festival! Your support is needed.

Please save your white elephant items and call 337-5528 if you have items to be donated. To volunteer to work on the party call 965-1506. We look forward to another successful festival.

As We End Our Year

The Foggy Bottom Association has completed another successful year due to the active participation of so many members of the community. Special thanks to all the FBA Board members, those who worked on the Fall Festival and Spring Social, and on other projects of importance to our neighborhood.

The FBA Board passed a motion (7-3) to work with George Washington University on helping to identify sites on the campus boundary which are in need of improvements. The FBA Beautification Committee will develop a list of sites and suggestion for improvement. The list will be forwarded to GWU for its review and consideration. Although the University initially proposed to give the FBA a donation for beautification, the Board felt it more appropriate to play an advisory role. This cooperative effort will proceed during the summer and results will be announced in the fall.

Litigation continues between the Foggy Bottom Association and the International Monetary Fund. The FBA initiated the litigation in April in the District Court of Appeals and the IMF has 30 days to respond. After the IMF responded, the FBA submitted its rebuttal on May 24, 1993. The FBA responded as follows: the Zoning Commission's finding in the IMF case was not supported by the law and is inconsistent with the 1980 PUD; and the Zoning Commission failed to address all relevant issues, particularly the impact of the Western Presbyterian feeding program. The FBA must now await a Court decision on whether to remand the case back to the Zoning Commission

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At the June Meeting:

IMPORTANT NOTE

Be on time! Our speaker, John Ray, will appear promptly at 7:30, and must leave early to attend another function. In fact, try to be early! At this meeting, also, elections for the FBA Executive Board will be held. Below are the names of the nominees.

Nominated for election at the June meeting are:

For President: Elayne DeVito

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For the Executive Board:

Laetitia Combrinck

Hugh Grindstaff

Barbara Kahlow

Richard Price

Judy Thomas

Don Tobey

Chris Lamb and Ellie Becker will be ex officio members of the Board.

GWU Presents WETA Project

At ANC 2A's June meeting, The George Washington University (GWU) and WETA formally presented their proposed development project at the northeast corner of 21st and H Streets, N.W. The application for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) was filed with the Zoning Administrator. A hearing before the Zoning Board is expected in October and, if approved, construction will start as early as September, 1994. The proposed site is currently a parking lot behind Red Line Row. East of the site on H Street is a small

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

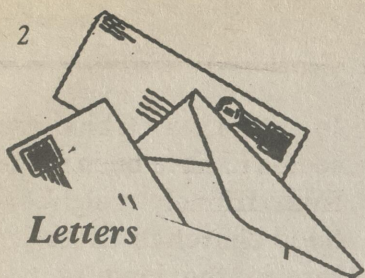
Speaker:

John Ray
Acting Chairman
D.C. City Council

Monday, June 28, 1993
St. Paul's Parish House
2430 K Street, N.W.
7:30 p.m.

(Next Meeting: Monday, September 27)

HAVE A NICE SUMMER!



Letters

The *Foggy Bottom News* keeps me up on the neighborhood. It pleases me to see the close contact FBA has with the D.C. government and George Washington University as well as continuing cooperation from and with St. Paul's and St. Mary's.

As a founding member of FBA I recall that we needed the U.S. Congress. Fortunately Snows Court residents Rose McKee and Elizabeth (Liz) Wharton, two smart reporters who had the respect of leading Congressmen, were able to get the bill that would eliminate alley dwellings in D.C. squashed. These women together with other Snows Court dwellers, the Flynts, Pete Lickert, Carolyn Cooper and myself with the Robitschers who restored the first seven row houses in the Court, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dutch, old-time residents on Eye Street, started the first non-segregated neighborhood association in D.C. There may have been other founders along with us — if not right away, shortly thereafter in the mid-1950's.

Although now there is a Metro station, Watergate, a Kennedy Center, large apartment buildings, sophisticated restaurants and shops, I understand from the *News* that the

neighborhood still consists of many involved, honest, friendly persons who work together for the betterment of this unique and quite wonderful place.

All good wishes.

Margaret Franzen
Bisbee, Arizona

To: Betty Olsen

Thanks so much for the good story on St. Stephen's new parish center in the June issue of the *Foggy Bottom News*. And special thanks for the set of pictures which you took of the new facilities. They will go in our scrapbook.

Mary Nenno

This donation is for the Foggy Bottom Neighborhood Playground. My two children enjoyed the playground during our seven weeks in D.C. with "Guys and Dolls." We hope to return one day.

Leslie & Bill Roberts
Ian and Chloe
Spring, Texas

Freeway (continued from page 1)
eral park land can be returned to the National Park Service.

The Committee of 100 on the Federal City, a private planning group chaired by Dorn McGrath, had proposed "to demolish the [existing Whitehurst Freeway] interchange, eliminating all of the elevated ramps . . . , returning six acres of land to the neighborhoods and to the National Park Service." The plan included an ad-

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7:30 p.m.**

ditional three-lane 27th Street north of K Street with a fourth lane added for about 200 feet south of Pennsylvania Avenue. South of K Street, 27th Street would be seven or eight lanes to I-66. At the NCPC Task Force meeting, Mr. McGrath disputed DPW's findings and suggested that additional analysis be done to determine whether the Committee of 100's proposal improves traffic flow in Foggy Bottom/West End.

The D.C. Department of Public Works' original plan would simply remove two unused elevated ramps and rehabilitate the east end of the existing Whitehurst Freeway. If NCPC concurs, implementation of DPW's plan will proceed quickly since federal funds for the project, which will finance most of the construction, are currently available. Construction was held up, at NCPC's request, to review the alternative proposed by the Committee of 100.

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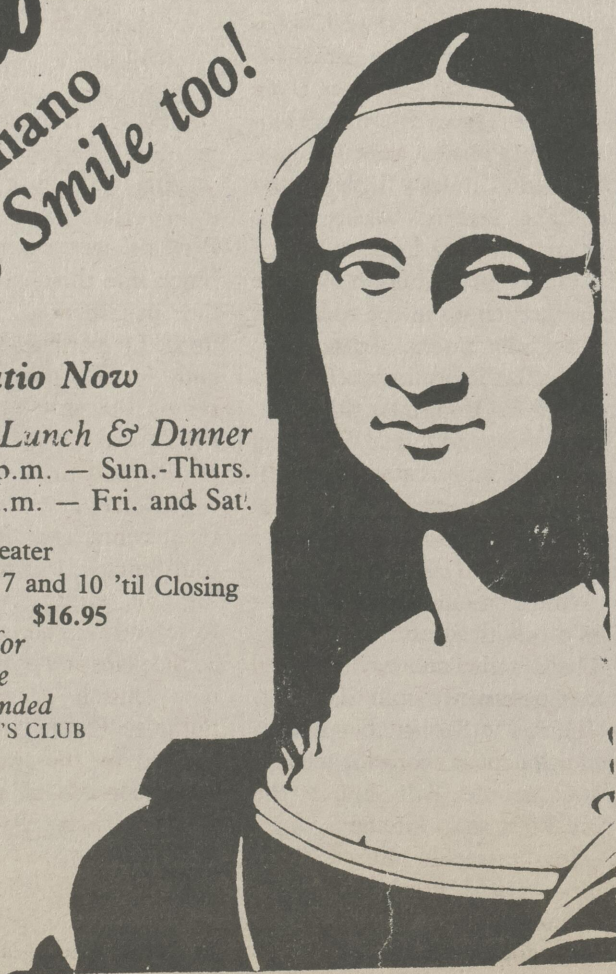
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Our New Neighbor

By Allan Bechanstin

At 24th and G Sts., on the site of the old AAUW building, the International Monetary Fund is building a new church and offices for the congregation of Western Presbyterian Church. This church will replace the existing church at 19th and H Sts where the congregation now worships. The existing church was built in the mid 30's, and that property has been purchased by the IMF.

Details of the transaction between the Church and the IMF are not known, but according to a report in the IMF Staff News of October 1991, the transaction is valued at \$23 million. In return for the church property at 19th and H Streets, the IMF is giving to WPC the new site at 24th and G Street, purchased for about \$10 million, demolishing the old church and constructing a new one for about \$8 million, paying legal, architectural and other fees worth about \$1 million, and providing an endowment to the church of \$4 million. John Wimberly, pastor at Western Presbyterian, has characterized the transaction as comparable to "winning the lottery."

When these terms were made public, Robert Meyers, a former Presbyterian minister, took to the streets in protest. He contended that the congregation should join another Presbyterian church in the area and use the IMF money for the poor and needy. He decried the fact that a congregation of fewer than 100

people, most of them elderly, would waste that money on an elaborate structure.

The rezoning of the 19th and H Street property was the subject of an acrimonious and emotional debate before the Zoning Commission. The rezoning requested by the IMF to build some 280,000 sq. ft. of office space was granted, but the Foggy Bottom Association has filed an appeal in DC Court, contending that the commission erred in its decision. The appeal is currently pending.

The church property itself was the subject of an equally acrimonious and emotional debate before the Historic Preservation Review Board when a group attempted to get the existing church landmarked. The Board voted 6 to 5 to deny the request, thereby paving the way for the IMF to demolish the existing church and to enlarge the office building.

Western Has A Long History

Western Presbyterian Church has a long history in Washington, and has occupied two sites. After the congregation had worshipped in various houses in the western part of the city, the first church was built in 1855 and occupied a site on the north side of H Street between 19th and 20th Street. The congregation worshipped in this church for 70 years until the present church

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was built in the mid 30's just across the street from the original building.

The church has always prided itself on its ties to the community and the church soon to be demolished bespeaks that pride. It has the appearance of a modest English parish church, offering an oasis of tranquility and calm in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the modern commercial city. It is a modest building framed on the west and the south by the white backdrop of the IMF complex and opening on the east to the greenery of a small park dedicated for community use by the IMF.

The new church, at least in the construction phase, has an entirely different character. It is more of a complex than a church.

The building is U-shaped with an interior courtyard. The 40 ft. high sanctuary is on the right hand side, parallel to G Street, and will accommodate 376 people. Behind the sanctuary is the Pastor's study at the corner, and the church office. On the first floor, at the left side, is a library, a meeting room that can accommodate 29 people, another office and corridors. The two legs of the U are joined by a two-story hospitality room that will hold 151 people and includes a fireplace and kitchen facilities. This room opens onto the interior court.

On the second floor, over the Pastor's study in the corner, is the Choir Room. Adjacent to this is the Treasurer's office and the Board Room. At this level, there are an additional 4 meeting rooms of various sizes to accommodate between 17 and 25 people each as well as 7 more offices.

In the basement is parking for 34 cars with access from 24th St. There is also areaway access to the basement from 24th St. where another kitchen and a multipurpose room for feeding 360 people will house the breakfast soup kitchen.

In the weekly church directory of *The Washington Post*, Western Presbyterian lists the following services provided to the community: Miriam's Kit-

chen (breakfast soup kitchen); AA (Alcoholics Anonymous); NA (Narcotics Anonymous); SA (Sexaholics Anonymous); OA (Overeaters Anonymous); ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics); CODA (Codependents Anonymous); and an HIV support group. It is assumed that these same services will be offered in the new church.

The new building is large, dominating the small site, and thereby appearing somewhat aggressive and arrogant. It is shouldered onto the site, butting hard against Potomac Park Terraces and blocking off lower floor windows. It rudely shuts itself off from its neighbors. This shows at the entrance to the church itself, reached by a curving half flight of steps from G St. and Virginia Ave. to an entry court blocked off from the neighboring Potomac Plaza by a raised planter wall.

This same theme of separation from neighbors and turning inward is reinforced by metal gates and fencing to protect the entry court from the street. In addition, there will be metal gates from the entry court to the interior courtyard, as well as metal gates that will guard the entrance to the sanctuary itself.

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On 24th Street, metal gates will bar the rear entrance and also access to the areaway. In style, a transition seems to have been made from friendly neighborhood church to Crusader fort in the land of the infidel.

There are obvious site constraints to the design of the building. Perhaps with landscaping and finish details the total effect will be softer. Perhaps we are reading too much into the character of our new neighbor by the building itself. Or perhaps the isolation and fortress-like appearance reflect the antipathy that has developed between the community and the church.

The major area of disagreement centers on the proposed soup kitchen and has been going on since 1989, when Reverend Wimberly first outlined the plans and programs of the new church to residents of Potomac Plaza. The fears expressed by the residents then have been echoed since by the community in all public and private forums.

Quite simply, the community is afraid and feels unable to cope with a daily, early morning influx of up to 360 homeless, a

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population that cuts across the spectrum of today's society and includes working and non-working, addicts and emotionally disturbed.

This is not a question of lack of compassion. The community has always supported Miriam's Kitchen at its present location at 19th and H Sts. But 19th and H is a commercial location. The new site is a predominantly residential location.

There is now a general recognition that residential neighborhoods are an essential component of a viable city. The District government recognized this in the early 50's when it encouraged residential development in Foggy Bottom in an effort to stem the deterioration that was setting in. The Pennsylvania Avenue Development Plan required a residential component in its predominantly office neighborhoods. Now, in other parts of downtown, office builders are asked to also include residential units. With this background, it is difficult to understand why an existing, viable neighborhood should be permitted to be endangered.

Western Presbyterian Church is justly proud of its Foggy Bottom roots. Over time, however, it seems to have become alienated from the community it once served. The community cannot support the soup kitchen. Is there no accommodation acceptable to the church? Are there no other programs, perhaps dealing with the elderly, or child day care centers, in which the neighborhood can participate and become involved? Is there some way that the adversarial relationship of church and community, can be opened?

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Highlights of ANC-2A Meetings

May 13 and June 10, 1993

At its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting held on May 13, 1993, ANC-2A:

- Resubmitted to the D.C. Council, and requested the Council to adopt, the suggested amendments to the Comprehensive Plan text and maps and the Ward 2 Plan text that had been approved and submitted by the ANC to the Office of Planning in December but that were not part of the package of the 331 amendments submitted by the Mayor to the Council and incorporated in the bill currently before the Council.
- Opposed nine amendments to the Comprehensive Plan text and Ward 2 Plan text which were part of the package of the 331 amendments submitted by the Mayor to the Council.
- Supported the preservation and strengthening of the existing Comprehensive Plan target and requirements for housing, retail, arts, and historic preservation in the Downtown area and opposed the expansion of the Central Employment Area.
- Endorsed the concept of The Rooming House Licensing Amendment Act which requires that "group homes" rented to five or more unrelated individuals be licensed as rooming houses and requested that the concept of a "group home" be extended to include individual units in apartment houses and in condominiums and cooperatives.
- Agreed not to oppose the renewal of the liquor license for Howard's Liquor Store at 2525 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., subject to further clarification of the provisions of the existing management agreement between the ANC and the owner.
- Agreed not to object to the installation of a temporary fence around the property at 2501 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, subject to certain conditions to ensure compatibility with the historic building.

At its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting on June 10, 1993, ANC-2A:

- Heard a presentation from representatives of the owners of the building at 1401 F Street, N.W. (the former site of Garfinkels) and opposed the application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment to convert the building from department store use designation to an office building with retail uses on the equivalent of only two floors (floor area ratio of 2).
- Heard a presentation from representatives of WETA regarding the plans for a building at 21st and H Streets, NW that would be jointly owned and jointly developed as a commercial condominium with The George Washington University and which would contain WETA's offices, broadcasting studios, and related technical facilities as well as GWU's National Center for Communications Studies and radio broadcast studios and facilities. WETA will occupy 28 percent of the space and GWU 16 percent with the remaining 56 percent for shared use. The condominium-ownership agreement will run for 52 years with options for renewal. The eight-story building will be 116 feet high with receiving/transmission satellite dishes on the roof set back from the street and with television and radio transmission signals from a tower extending upwards as an architectural element from one corner of the building. WETA and the University are applying for a Planned Unit Development and for a zoning map change from R-5-D to C-3-C.
- Heard from representatives of Fresco's Gourmet Market in the Watergate complex and agreed not to oppose their application for a liquor license for the consumption of liquor on the premises.
- Heard a report from Commissioner Tyler regarding the plans by The Southland Corporation to construct a wheelchair-accessible ramp at the 7-Eleven store located at 912 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, in the Foggy Bottom Historic District, in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act regulations.
- Assigned two Commissioners (Chris Lamb and Edward Kelly) to undertake an on-site review at 1006 20th Street, N.W. The owners propose to rent public space for the operation of an unenclosed sidewalk cafe.

Foggy Bottom News

Becker Beat...

Were those Mother's Day's photos great or what? J.R. Black's suggestion for a layout extolling FB's children and their mothers was inspired, as were his pictures. Perhaps we can work on a Father's Day spread next year — June came too soon this year. Thanks, J.R.

Word of Mr. K's death brought back many memories of this neighborhood grocery store on Pennsylvania Avenue, amazingly well-stocked for its size, adjacent to Bob Sinker's Washington Circle Drug. Between the two there was little that you needed you could not find — fine food, snacks, beverages of all kinds, drugs and toiletries, notions and hardware. Once you frequented them for a while, you were known and recognized. Cashing an emergency or non-emergency check was not a big problem (this was well before ATMs), and a special treat was delivery of your groceries when you bought more than you could carry comfortably.

The building was an huge and busy apartment house then, and crowds of people attending St. Stephen Martyr Church next door swelled the traffic along the street on Sundays. That strip of sidewalk saw a myriad of community gatherings, large and

small, many a petition garnered signatures by the dozens, and it was the scene of frequent meetings, greetings and conversations, short and long, between and among friends, acquaintances and neighbors. It was truly FB's Main Street and the major "see our friends" spot. I still miss it.

Two comments on Kirsten Olsen's article last month on Chief Thomas: the article was mentioned in *The Washington Times* in a story about the chief's plans for the Police Department. The writer of that *Times* piece is a former FB/GWU resident, Brian Reilly, who worked for the *GW Hatchet* and is one of Puff Puffenbarger's journalism graduates. The other comment: we slipped up by not mentioning that the chair of the Citizens Advisory Council is longtime FB resident Sue Schumacher.

Another instance of Columbia Hospital's community spirit is the appearance of stop signs in the driveway leading from its parking lot. Drivers had been spotted coming down the ramp

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to 25th Street quite rapidly, causing some concern about pedestrians nearby — who were hard for the drivers to see. A call to Carol Abruzzese resulted in agreement, and the signs are up. Thanks again!

My apologies for the less than perfect distribution last month of the *FB News*. Bob Brewster helped out for the first time, and his route went well. But the other one, done by yours truly, experienced some problems. First of all, we were short a couple of distributors (who took one weekend off this year), AND, we were also short of papers, as our regular number was not printed. In addition, several packs were left at St. Mary's Court (how I still don't know), and I did not find out until later that week. Oh, well, excuses, excuses, but it was nice to hear from some people who missed getting their copy. That was encouraging.

However, one call reminded me of the old story about volunteer groups. The caller complained about not getting the paper in his building, saying, "If you're not going to deliver, why don't you call someone?" An unanswerable question, and my question back is: "We asked for help just last month — one hour a month — why didn't YOU call someone?" If that sounds like I'm testy and tired, I am.

Classic Collection Acquires Historic Morrison Clark Inn

The Classic Collection which operates three hotels in downtown Washington, The Henley Park Hotel, The Hotel Lombardy and the State Plaza Hotel, as well as a historic inn near Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, The Wayside Inn, and The Sea Catch Restaurant in Georgetown, now has acquired the historic Morrison Clark Inn at Massachusetts Avenue and Eleventh Streets, N.W.

The Inn, formerly the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines Club, dates back to 1864 and was completely reno-

vated in 1987. The new addition architecturally complements the graceful lines of the historic mansion.

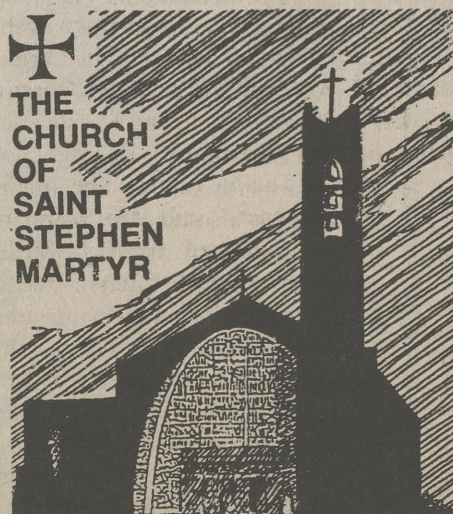
The Morrison Clark Inn is the only inn in the nation's capital to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A bit of background for you — David L. Morrison, the owner of 1015 L, was a salesman of flour and feed to the federal government during the Civil War. After the war he became a real estate investor and developer. When he died in the late 1800's he was a widower and left his estate to kin and charities of his choice.

Reuben B. Clark, a land investor who lived at 1013, was a grocer as well as a commissioner of the DC jail, a director of the Anacostia and Potomac Railroad. He made a gift of his house to his daughter and moved to 1501 Massachusetts Avenue.

The Morrison-Clark Inn, Massachusetts Avenue and 11th Street NW, 202/898-1200, is open Tuesday through Friday 11:30 am to 2 pm and 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sunday 11am to 2 pm (brunch) and 6 to 10 pm.

Susan Lindeborg is the Morrison Clark chef, formerly with Twenty-One Federal.



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Romance In Foggy Bottom — And The Loving Arms

Part IV

By Don Tobey

The wedding was a huge success. The day was bright and warm, half of Foggy Bottom came to celebrate the happy event, and practically nothing went off the way it was planned.

Lucy had wanted a quiet little wedding, close friends, simple, warm and friendly, in the St. Stephen's Chapel. But when everybody but everybody said they'd come, we moved to the big church.

Then the sort of unique reception I suggested, at Tinkers Paradise overlooking Rock Creek, was simply no-go, we found out early on. There's a lot I want to tell you about the wedding, and the Tinkerbellies — and a real fun note, three of them came to the reception in their old cheerleader uniforms — along with three very jealous and protective husbands. But as to the reception.

There we were, in the elegant ballroom of the Watergate Hotel, soft lights and music, mountains of food and buckets of champagne. And friends arriving in droves.

Including the Gang. First, Fred: "With hundreds of witnesses and two ministers and all," he said, "I don't see any way you can get out of this."

"Where are the eats?" said Barney.

"Check it out, Matt," said Sol. "You're entitled, you can count the empties they're charging you for."

"Matt and I tried every way," said Lucy, "but we couldn't figure how to take you boys along on the wedding trip."

"You realize," said Barney, "you have just broken our heart."

So it was a joyous occasion, but if you don't mind, I'd like to skip over it, to what became one of the most important changes in our lives, for Lucy and me.

It was a sentimental thing for us — we'd see an old movie at Kennedy Center, then go to the Hideaway for dessert. This time we'd seen "Heidi," the touching story about the little

girl and her grandfather, in the Swiss Alps. Afterwards, we were parked there in the back booth, holding hands like that first time.

"This place will always have a special meaning for me," said Lucy. "It's where you proposed to me, remember, Matt?"

"Of course," I said, "How could I forget?"

And then she was quiet for a while.

"You've been thinking again," I accused her.

"I saw Dr. Seidel today," said Lucy, "about the tests."

"No go," I said.

"I'm afraid so," said Lucy, and then, "I was wondering, Matt, how would you feel — I mean — could we adopt?"

So there it was. Of course, being we were both so wrapped up with kids, this was a reasonable alternative.

"I've thought of it too," I said. "I guess it depends, can you really go all out, can you give the youngster all the caring he needs, even if he's not your own."

"I think we both qualify on that," said Lucy, "and Gwen the other day, she mentioned this agency in Virginia, they get results in a few weeks; other agencies, it can be two years, or never."

Well, the "formalities" for this leave you feeling too old, too stupid and, especially, too poverty poor, to even be considered.

But we made it, and here we are sitting across the desk from Mrs. Bauman, very large, very businesslike. On the wall, the sign, "The Loving Arms — from across the World to Your Home," with a picture, I think of the Gerber baby food baby.

"It's great news," said Mrs. Bauman cozily. "A beautiful little baby boy, only six months. The family is Italian, very respectable. Mikie was born only a month or so after his father was killed, and the mother is left with five children all under ten, and Mikie. It's a crime. But even so, she wouldn't listen to

giving up the baby, we only got it cleared, a few days ago."

Lucy was concerned. "It must be a terribly hard decision. I feel sorry for her, even with five other children."

"Exactly," said Mrs. Bauman, "but you've got to face facts. We told her, 'Look, you get this nice big fee — off the record — then you can do a lot better for the five. Also, the new parents, they will be able to do things you can't, give Mikie a better chance.' But she does insist, she's got to like the new parents."

"We understand that," I said, "We'd certainly like to see Mikie."

Mrs. Bauman moved ahead of us, like a tank, out to the corridor.

"We got a health certificate, everything fine, he's had all his shots. We check all the family background, you should be protected."

To our right off the corridor was a small playroom. And there, sitting silent and alone at the back, was the little girl, about two or so. In a long granny dress, lace at the throat, dark hair framing the pale, delicate features, I guessed Vietnamese.

"Who is the little girl?" asked Lucy.

"It's a special case," said Mrs. Bauman, "from Vietnam. But the couple brought her over, finally they wouldn't go through with the contract."

"What's wrong?" said Lucy.

"Who could refuse this absolutely lovely little girl?"

Mrs. Bauman beckoned. "Come here, Mei Lee." The little girl obediently came over to us, she looked up to Lucy, their eyes met. In this briefest of moments, in some strange way I can never explain, I believe they understood each other, and Lucy knew this forlorn little creature was hers to love and protect forever.

"Mei Lee!" said Lucy as she knelt and held out her arms. And suddenly the little arms were around her neck, and Lucy was holding her, so tight.

"That's funny, she never does that," said Mrs. Bauman. She loosened the little arms from around Lucy's neck. "You can go and play now, Mei Lee," she said. I held out my hand, she hesitated, then clutched my finger. We walked over to her chair, she sat, and primly smoothed the long granny skirt below her knees.

"She doesn't speak," said Mrs. Bauman in a low voice.

"Not a word ever. We got three doctors to examine her, she's in perfect health. She hears perfect, you tell her something, she understands, she minds, but not a word ever, a month now."

"If something terribly frightening happens, it can affect a child like this," said Lucy.

"One story we heard," said Mrs. Bauman, "some soldiers, drunk, they terrorized the family, killed the mother. Who knows?"

"And nobody will take a chance, for treatment?" said Lucy.

"Look," said Mrs. Bauman, "the doctors don't dare to encourage, it could be years, maybe never. And now we got an inquiry from the government over there, we may have to send her back."

She spoke in low tones, but Mei Lee moved convulsively, lowering her head, her hands twisting in her lap. We moved down the corridor. Lucy was shaken, Mei Lee's eyes following our every step.

In the nursery one baby was sleeping, but Mikie welcomed us. He reached his arms up and smiled awkwardly as Lucy stroked his head. "A baby this age, you become his real mommy and daddy," said Mrs. Bauman. "We look every day to find babies like this, loads of people just waiting."

"He's a beautiful baby," Lucy lifted Mikie from his crib. At first he drew back, then he laid his head against her shoulder.

"You can spend some time with him," said Mrs. Bauman. He hardly cries, he'll get used to you real quick."

I held out my hand to Mikie, he clutched my finger, strong. Could he hold onto a bat like that, some day maybe a future Joe DiMaggio?

"He's a dear baby," said Lucy. "We'll talk things over, and call you."

"Of course," said Mrs. Bauman. "We always tell peo-

ple think it over very thoroughly, it's important the rest of your lives. And remember if something don't work out, you got a second choice, it's in your contract."

As we passed the playroom, Lucy stopped a second and looked over at Mei Lee. She leaned forward slightly and gazed at us intently.

Mrs. Bauman noticed. "We got an obligation, tell you if things may not work out. Mei Lee — we'd love to find her a home — but who knows? And about Mikie, don't worry, we got a dozen people will want him, if you decide against."

It was after midnight that night, we'd gone to bed, and I knew from her restlessness Lucy couldn't get to sleep.

Finally I turned to her. "You're thinking about Mrs. Bauman, and Mikie, and Mei Lee," I said.

"Yes," said Lucy, "and Mikie is a dear little boy, but I keep seeing Mei Lee, and how she looked after us. I had this feeling, so quickly, how much we needed each other."

"I know exactly," I said. "I felt the same, and so strong — but there's the years ahead. Let's get some rest, we'll talk it over tomorrow."

Now, I had avoided urging Lucy one way or the other, it had to be her decision, and whatever, she for sure would have most of the burden. And Mei Lee — how many problems, and maybe heartbreak ahead?

For me, my head told me one thing. But, as clear as when we were there in the Loving Arms, I saw this little creature, her dark eyes never wavering, questioning, beseeching us.

A breeze had sprung up, and as I drifted off, I remember the dull sound of the branch knocking against the porch.

And in my mind, the picture of a little girl with a broken heart.

WARNING!

Leaving your pet in a parked car during the hot summer months, even for a short period, can result in the death of the animal.

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Father Sheehan Marks Four Decades

It was a beautiful day, and a beautiful service on June 13, when Father Thomas Sheehan celebrated his 40th anniversary as a priest. His ordination took place June 4, 1953 in Kilkenny, Ireland, and a hint of a brogue is still evident after all these years in the Washington area. Father Carl Dianda returned to St. Stephen's for the occasion to give the "Words of Appreciation" and a host of his Foggy Bottom friends and parishioners were on hand to mark this special occasion.

Summer at the West End Library

Just a reminder that summer hours started at the West End Library in mid-June. That means the library is closed on Saturday until September 11.

The library's hours are on Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Also, make a note of the summer furlough days: July 5, July 23, and August 27, when it will be closed.

From City Hall . . .

Jack Evans Reports

Borrowing from Peter for Paul . . .

Most people would agree that paying your Visa bill with your Master Card is a dubious practice. It does little to alleviate your debt in the short term and the long term effect could be the loss of both cards.

As simple as this example may sound, it is unfortunately the practice which the D.C. Government has been employing for several years to help meet expenses. Instead of a Visa and Master Card, D.C. uses money explicitly reserved for capital projects (e.g., infrastructure repairs) to pay operating costs (payroll, city services, etc.). The result is an ongoing cycle of overspending while continually pushing D.C.'s debt upward.

This situation recently came under intense scrutiny when the Mayor asked for Council approval of a resolution calling for the sale of more than \$240 million of bonds to fund capital projects — projects which preserve and improve the city's infrastructure, such as repairs and upgrading of roads, schools, playgrounds and government buildings.

An Annual Ritual

The bond approval is an annual ritual. But this year's process went off-track in early May when the late Council Chairman John Wilson delayed approval and began to question how bond sale proceeds would be spent. What became increasingly clear was that the bond proceeds at least, in the short term, have not been and will not be used for the stated purpose of funding capital projects.

City officials readily admit the first use of the bond proceeds will be to supplement D.C.'s cash reserve during the summer months when inflow of revenues is weak. In effect, the bond proceeds would be used as a short-term loan to cover operating expenses until D.C. receives an infusion of property tax payments in September.

This shuffling of money is not only poor fiscal management, but is a practice which was to have ceased with the Council's 1991 approval of a \$336 million bond sale to pay off D.C.'s past debt accumulations and provide enough of a cushion to eliminate the

need for future short-term loans during seasonal cash flow problems.

Council Reluctantly Approves

Facing the threat of a depleted cash reserve and the possibility of not being able to fund D.C. employee paychecks later in the summer, the Council reluctantly approved this year's capital project bond resolution. However, this process has been important in several ways which I feel will lead to future benefits for the District, including a renewed interest in Bill 10-117, the "District of Columbia Financial Accountability and Management Act of 1993."

Introduced in February by Chairman Wilson, Bill 10-117 will provide the structure and discipline needed to improve D.C.'s budgetary concerns. Specifically, the bill calls for monthly reports from the Mayor to the Council on D.C.'s fiscal status, as well as a long-term plan and semi-annual public meetings with the mayor on this topic. During the capital bond discussions, it was decided to conduct a June 15 public hearing on this bill and attempt to vote on this bill before the Council's summer recess.

Perhaps most beneficial was the public's renewed awareness of D.C.'s fiscal crisis. While most people are aware of the City's ongoing financial problems, often there is not enough public focus on the problem and how it should be addressed. Evidence of this is the skepticism which greeted my efforts during the past budget cycle to enhance the spending and personnel cuts proposed by the mayor and other Councilmembers. Now more people are aware serious changes must be made in the management of the District.

Finally, this situation once again highlighted the loss all of us have experienced with the death of John Wilson. As with so many other issues in our city, we all turned to John for guidance on D.C.'s budgetary matters. With his passing, it is incumbent upon all of us, and certainly the Council, to continue his legacy of sound fiscal policies.

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An exhibition of the works of noted photographer Ellen Bennett entitled "The Familiar" will be at the Arts Club of Washington through July 11. The Arts Club of Washington is located at 2017 I Street, NW in the old James Madison House next to the Hotel Lombardy and across from the 2000 Pennsylvania shops and offices.

You are invited as the Club's neighbors to stop by and see these original works.

The Arts Club of Washington also has 30-minute concerts on Friday afternoons beginning at 12:00 noon. Call 202/331-7283

to be sure of the program schedules. Young artists are scheduled by Bill Montgomery; they give short programs of high quality and variety for members and neighbors of the Club. The Arts Club is scheduling activities for people in Foggy Bottom/New West End areas frequently now, so take advantage of the invitations. You do not have to be a member to attend many of their open programs. However, memberships are welcome. See Alma Gensler, Club Manager, if you would like to join the Arts Club of Washington to support the arts in this area.

Charles R. Loar New CHW Executive Vice President

Charles R. Loar has been appointed Executive Vice President of the Columbia Hospital for Women and its affiliate corporations. Loar has over 30 years experience in both civilian and military healthcare positions, most recently as Assistant Chief for Healthcare Operations, Bureau of Medicine, and Director of the Medical Service Corps for the U.S. Navy. He also served as the Chief Execu-

tive Officer of 427-bed Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama, and holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida, with a major in management and economics. A Fellow and former Regent in the American College of Healthcare Executives, he received his Bachelor's Degree from Marshall University where he majored in accounting.

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Foggy Bottom Remembers John Wilson

John Wilson's death is a true tragedy, for Bonnie and his family, his staff, us in Ward 2 whom he served so long and so well. Many of us were friends as well as constituents.

And finally, for this city we love — one of its brightest and best will no longer be her champion.

We shall miss him sorely.



Words About John

John Wilson will be sorely missed. Because he had a willingness to listen, to accept your opinion and consider it.

Too many do not hear — only wait, to pour out their bitterness, and make solving our mutual problems more difficult.

Steady! Tough times ahead.

Don Tobey

John was a truth teller and the District's municipal repairman when no one else had the answers.

Eleanor Holmes Norton

John Wilson represents the best of what we have to offer. For me personally, John was a teacher, John was a mentor, but mostly John was a friend and I shall miss him greatly.

Jack Evans

Andrew Sullivan in *The New Republic* wrote about John's passing, noting "the loss of one

of the country most effective black politicians." He went on to point out that the stigma of mental illness is not among the things we are likely to tolerate in our politicians and "denies us people in office who might actually react intelligently to the world around them. There are many virtues one might look for in a leader, but in these times, a capacity for sadness is surely one of them."

When journals as diverse as *The New Republic*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Washington Times* eulogized John Wilson, they reminded me what a co-worker used to say when I had stumbled across something he regarded as common knowledge. He'd look at me quizzically and say, "Gee, Ambassador, that's a real B.G.O." Translation: Blinding Glimpse of the Obvious. We appreciate the belated recognition, but we knew all along what kind of man John Wilson was.

John loved Foggy Bottom. Interviewed a short time before his death, he said again that Foggy Bottom was his favorite constituency. And he showed it. No event of any importance took place without John's being there. Nor could it have. His appearances at the Foggy Bottom Association filled the hall and, once the formalities were over (i.e., questions about zoning, parking, crime, etc.), they became a love fest. Can anyone forget seeing him as Santa Claus at St. Mary's? Or enjoying himself at the Fall Festival? John Wilson was a man for all hours, all days, and all seasons. If he occasionally did something of which not everyone approved, he never swerved in his devotion to Washington and to this particular part of it. He gave his heart and finally his life to this city.

We will not, cannot, forget him.

Robert Brewster



Photos by Betty Olsen

At a Foggy Bottom fall festival a couple of years ago, I had donated an old set of decanters which had belonged to my mother. They were perfectly hideous, the kind you'd find on the top shelf in an old kitchen, with little metal plates hanging around their necks imprinted with Rye, Bourbon and Scotch. Inexplicably, John bought them, so I asked him why. "I just can't resist a good piece of junk," was his reply, adding that his wife would probably scold him. "I have no use for them, but I have to have them."

Elayne DeVito

Whenever I approached John Wilson about a problem or issue of concern to the residents of Foggy Bottom, he always reminded me that, in every election in which he had participated, he always won a majority of the votes in Foggy Bottom/West End. John had a special place in his heart for our community and he demonstrated this by regularly coming to FBA meetings and social functions, including the annual Christmas party at St. Mary's Court. Once I told him I had heard a rumor that he was not going to support us on a crucial issue due to come before the City Council. He turned very serious and said, "Don't believe those vicious rumors; I'm not going to let anybody hurt Foggy Bottom." John cared about us and we cared deeply about him. We will sorely miss his presence and I hope we can establish some memorial for him in our community so that we will never forget all that he's done for us.

Chris Lamb

My favorite story about John was his un-politico-like speech at the 1976 opening of the Foggy Bottom Metro station. It was a well-attended event, with George and Martha Washington appearing, and a variety of politicians with typical remarks. John was Ward 2's Councilmember then, and was invited, of course, to make remarks. After several speeches were made, John's turn came, and his remarks reflected two Wilson characteristics we all came to know — his humor and his concern about finances. He gave a small wave to Metro riders coming out of the station, saying: "I'm delighted to see so many of you here this morning. All I want to say is 'Please keep on riding — it's costing us a bundle.'"

Ellie Becker

John Had A Way With Words

To Congressional Opponents of D.C. statehood:

"I'm told that most people want to go to heaven. When you arrive in heaven and St. Peter tells you that you've been wrong for 200 years and you can't come in, remember I warned you."

To *The Washington Times* in May:

"The fact of the matter is that I represented the District for 18 years, and half of the residents of my district didn't agree with half of the things I did but at least they believed in what I was trying to do."

"I love this city. I love every inch of it. I love it. I love what I do. And I'm so happy somebody gave me the opportunity to do what I do as long as I've done it."

And about Foggy Bottom, thanks to Sam Smith in *The Washington Post*:

"You know which of my constituents I really like? I like those folks in Foggy Bottom." When asked to explain, he replied, "Cause they don't go nowhere. People up on 14th Street, no sooner you get to know them than they're out of there. But Foggy Bottom just stays put."



Wilson family portrait: Sage, Bonnie & John



At the ANC installation, with ANC-2A Commissioners Jean Swift and Chair Sara Maddux (Photo by Jane Lingo)

About a month after John Wilson became Chairman of the D.C. Council, I called his office and got a commitment from him to speak at the FBA monthly meeting. I knew he would have plenty to say because *The Washington Post* kept publishing articles about the arguments and aggravation he was having in trying to do a good job. After a speaker is through, it is customary to present him or her with a little gift, a token of appreciation. I personally picked out his gift, and wrapped it in a beautiful package with ribbons and presented it to him with the hope it would make his days more pleasant. When he unwrapped it, he found a bottle of PEPTO BISMOL!!! He cracked up with laughter and said "HENRIETTA . . . THIS I WILL USE FOR SURE"

Henrietta Y. Zoltrow



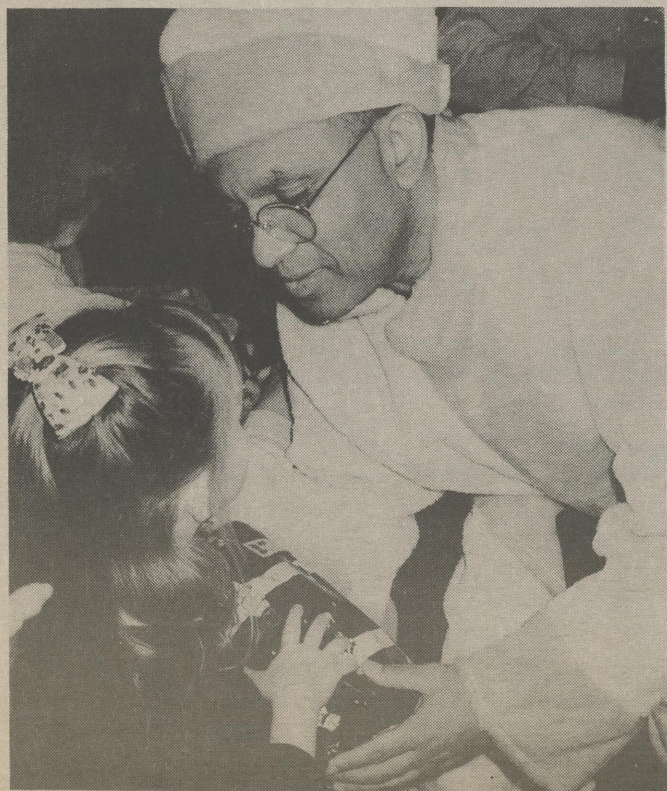
John parties with FBA past presidents Dennis Williams, Bob Charles and Dick Palco

On June 29 . . .

Remembrances of John Wilson at St. Mary's Court

On Tuesday, June 29, 15 2:00 p.m., at St. Mary's Court, 725 - 24th St. NW, there will be a time for the expression of remembrances, reflections and thoughts about John Wilson.

This will be an informal neighborhood gathering and reception to which the residents of St. Mary's Court cordially invite community persons and friends of John Wilson.



A favorite role: Santa Claus at St. Mary's Court

From St. Mary's Court, where John and the residents had a mutual admiration society:

John Wilson was concerned for the city's poor, elderly and youth. I met him at our Inaugural Ball; I felt so privileged and honored. God, who knows and understands, will surely take care of him.

Louise Gilbert & Joshua Moten

When I think of John Wilson, I think of his smile. What a smile! He always found time for St. Mary's Court. He was so good with the children and grandchildren. I cherish a picture of John and my grandchild.

Rose McNeill

Foggy Bottom News

John always took the time to listen to anyone who came to him with a problem. He was concerned for senior citizens. Every year he played Santa Claus for us.

Fletcher Goldston

John Wilson was true to himself, too honest for the "new society" of politicians; he was a man of honor. He was a wonderful friend and a marvelous Santa Claus who helped everyone; I'll miss him but never forget him.

Serge Tolstoy

He was a man among men; a person who tried to make a difference in spite of the brick wall. I will never forget him for what he tried to do.

Gert Brown

I remember the fabulous party he gave in 1979 to exhibit our artwork; how he was our Valentine Sweetheart in 1980; how he and his wife met us when we docked after a nighttime cruise on the Potomac; and for being our Santa Claus for so many years.

Ruth Matthews

He brought us joy each Christmas for so many years; he made the sad and lonely feel cheerful. I do not want to believe he has gone and will not be among us. We shall always love Mr. Wilson.

Bettie Turner

Mr. Wilson worked very hard for this city; he helped everyone he could; he loved the young people.

Mary Patterson

John Wilson was a warm, graceful, friendly and serious public figure. He worked with delightful humor, and I believe he cared about me, and about others.

Anne Newton



John with longtime friend and booster Mary Healy



John speaks at a recent and special birthday party for Mary Healy

John Wilson Funds Established

Foggy Bottom's Mary E. Healy has established the **John A. Wilson Memorial Fund** at St. Mary's Court. Its purpose is to memorialize John Wilson's continued interest in Foggy Bottom, the residents of St. Mary's Court and its importance as a community center in Foggy Bottom.

Ms. Healy has made an initial contribution which will be used for program purposes at St. Mary's Court. Contributions will be used to offset the expense of a wide variety of program activities which benefit the residents of the Court and the Foggy Bottom community.

At St. Mary's Court, federal

funds may be used only for operational purposes. Hence, the entire schedule of program activities at the Court must be supported through financial contributions from friends.

It is believed that John Wilson's wishes for Foggy Bottom will be best served by this Memorial Fund. The Fund will substantially assist an ongoing series of cultural and social events and classes on a wide range of subjects. The embodiment of John Wilson's hopes, and also the objective of the Fund, is the furtherance of a true community of spirit in both Foggy Bottom and our city.

Contributions should be made

payable to St. Mary's Court and designated for the **John A. Wilson Memorial Fund**, c/o St. Mary's Court, 725 - 24th St. NW, Washington DC 20037.

The D.C. Mental Health Association has announced the establishment of the John A. Wilson Memorial Campaign Against Depression.

Perhaps of all the legacies Chairman Wilson left to the public, his challenge in a speech to do something about the epidemic of depression, made at MHA-DC's Mental Health Luncheon several weeks before

his death, was the most poignant.

"So we can talk about me not being an expert in mental health and we can talk about me being a politician, but we can also talk about me as a person who deals with depression, a very painful, a very difficult disease," Wilson told the group at a May 7th luncheon.

The John A. Wilson Memorial Campaign on depression will also include efforts to improve public and private insurance coverage for the treatment of depression and other mental illnesses.

The Association, a tax-exempt

non-profit organization, will direct the John A. Wilson Memorial Campaign, which will focus on increasing public awareness of clinical depression and helping to remove the stigma of the disease so that both private and public figures will seek the appropriate treatment.

Persons wishing to be involved in the John A. Wilson Campaign Against Depression may call (202) 265-6363 for more information and send contributions to:

MHA-DC
1628 16th St., N.W.,
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Sidewalk Talk

By Betty Olsen



Dr. Ross Baker attended his fiancé's graduation from dental school in Connecticut. Dr. Baker and Dr. (ahem now) **Lily Baricervic** are to be married in September and hope-a-hope-a-hope to remain in Foggy Bottom area where they both love the friendliness and convenience. Want to rent at this time until their loans for studies are

in a state of satisfaction.

Met **Ann H. Hyde** of Potowmac Overlook strolling Memorial week in red, white and blue. I liked her immediately when she told me that she reads every word I write. Knew there was something special about that lady.

Ellie Becker says, "See Dave! It's funny and has a happy ending just the way I like a film." "Dave" I understand has many scenes of the DC area and is based on Gerald Ford's presidency.

Did you see the Episcopalian Mallard Mother duck who decided that St. Mary's Church on 23rd in Foggy Bottom was her choice place to bring up her family of ten? After discussion, however, **Fr. Darwin Price**

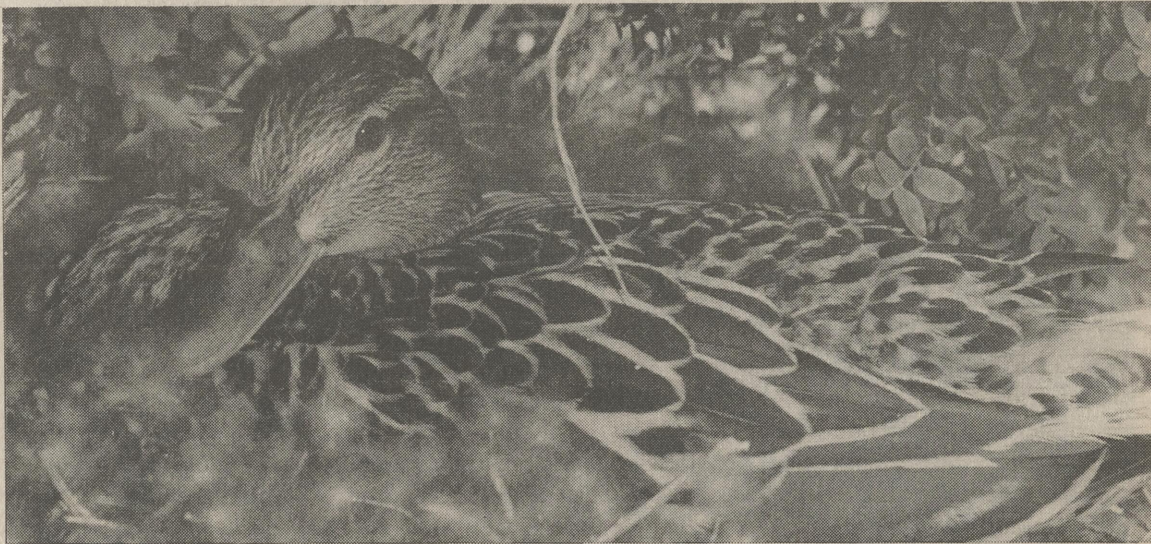
became concerned for all of the family's safety since after eggs are hatched the mother has to walk to water (they can't fly immediately). Now who among us would want to take on 23rd Street at one or two days old?

So Chesapeake Wildlife Conservatory was called and they

came and took the soon-to-be-babies out of the nest to insure their safety after incubation. It was the only way. The nest was beautiful, all down from the mother . . . she had been diligent in her motherhood. The Conservatory said that the Mother would either lay more

eggs in the same place or fly away to another area. Just one more pleased to live in Foggy Bottom, USA.

Spoke to **Helen Bryan** of Hamilton House recently and she is doing grrreat after her angioplasty at George Washington. Said lots of people mention-



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ed the mention of her in the column last time. **Ernst Ziegler** is the capable manager of the Hamilton House.

Went to Tango Time at the library recently and enjoyed the respite and especially meeting **Tina Connor** who instructs same. If for no other reason to dance it makes for great games. Connor has the best legs I've seen in many a moon. Shows one how dance is a grand exercise for all ages. **Barbara Kubinski**, head of the library, was on hand greeting one and all.

Met **Hope O'Connor** returning from her marketing at Safeway. She retired from the Pentagon after 29 years and two days and has lived in the Shoremede for 38 years. O'Connor is in her nineties and is as spry as they come. Hope springs eternal in the human breast . . . figuratively speaking . . . literally too.

Recent birthdays in the neighborhood for **John Allen**, **Ella Brown**, **Ellen Brown**, **Judith Brown**, **Milton Harris, Jr.**, **Ruth Hinterleitner**, **Lorraine McCottry**, **Darwin Price**, **Julius Tilghman**, **Erana Vance**, **Clara Yeadon**, and **William Dameron, III**. Others are: **Hazel Black**, **William Blaylock**, **Marie Bowman**, **George Campbell**, **Gail Ellis**, **Jonathan Gloster**, **Kareem Jackson**, **Abbie Jones**, **William Lancaster**, **Clinton Matingly**, **Christopher Price**, **Grace Price**, **Kelly Price**, **Mayme Royster**, **Daisy Sewell**, **Yvonne Upshaw** and **Jeanne Williams**.

Brewster's Place on 25th Street is looking better and better as I write. Spoke to **Willa Brewster** on the sidewalk recently and she said that her brother is doing it all, meaning lining up the people to beautify

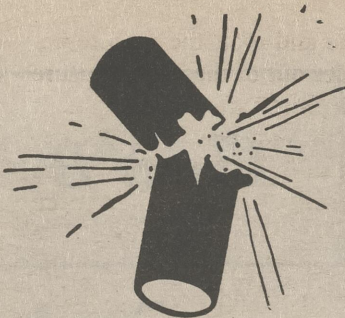
the tall gray townhouse, finding the brick layers to make the semi-circle walk, etc., etc. She makes the phone calls to the city to get the sewer line just right but gives credit where credit is due — to her brother. The Brewsters are one of the few persons who have lived in Foggy Bottom continuously as residents.

Happy Hansbury and **Claude Shamburger** are two of the other long-time residents of our area. You probably remember **Robby Jones'** article in a recent issue on the Cooper Houses and how they were connected with Shamburger who is now resident manager of the Shoremede.

Jackie Miller just returned from Florida with a sunburn to match her red hair. But the jaunt certainly agreed with her since she looked grrrrreat on her return, sunburn and all, ouch.

That woman gardener who you see changing the plantings for summer at The Bader is **Winifred Fothergill-Quinlin**. She and **Wendell Fraser** of The Bader select, plant, and maintain the lovely garden in front of the condo and also — also — the median strip adjacent to it. What a wonderful world this would be if everyone took responsibility for its beauty.

See where **Kirsten Olsen** got another mention in the Claridge House News recently. She was given credit for spearheading a recycling pro-



gram at the coop which has met with much success there. Don't you forget to take part in the District's program which is in full swing now at curbside for individual residents or follow your building's suggestions.

Donna Brodsky who regularly was writer-editor of the CH newsletter moved into a more demanding full time job and had to turn the newsletter over to others.

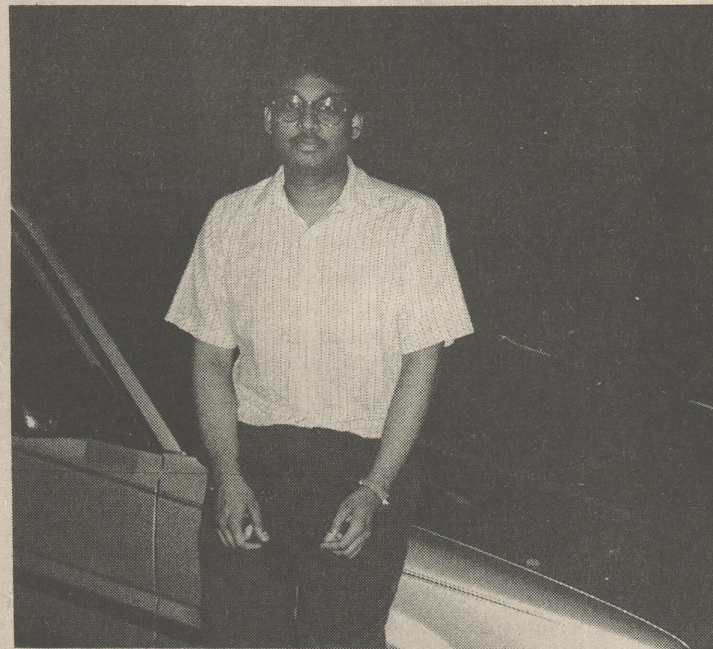
Joan Williams is back at the front desk of the Claridge House after a serious medical condition. She has the mental part of the illness altogether now so she is on her way to recovery. That mental part to handle is tough and is sometimes the most difficult part. Putting things in perspective is not an easy thing to do but with practice, practice, practice it does become easier.

Did you know that **Irene Parsons** took her master's at GWU after finishing her undergraduate studies at UNC at Chapel Hill? Her master's was in public administration and she put it to use at the Veterans Administration until she retired. Now did you know that the Veterans Ad-

ministration is the second largest employer in government after the Department of Defense? See what you learn from talking to others and reading this column.

Chuck Kolle of Potomac Plaza Terraces stands forlornly in front of his car that was parked when lightning hit a Bradford pear during "that 15-minute storm" recently. This scene was on 25th Street near Eye.

Laetitia Combrinck is a task force member of the Colonial Parking Office Building Plan. Any group is fortunate to have a place for Combrinck. The woman is always in a good mood, she surely makes me smile. If you have any suggestions of how to use potential funds coming our way from an amenity from them to the community contact Combrinck at 638-4183. One of the suggestions is to fund a research project to study the historic background of this area with the view to furthering historical preservation. Others on the ANC task force are **Sara Mad-**



dux, chair, **Jean Swift**, **Jack Batham**, **Susie Baranano**, **Claire Kline**, **Elizabeth Elliott** and **Chris Lamb**.

Speaking of bicycles, a new Eye Street neighbor has had more than her share of petty

thievery (can we really say petty?) **Michele Saranovich**, former Clinton campaigner, had three (repeat three) bicycles stolen from her yard. The first was chained to a small tree in the front yard and the thief was able to wrest it from its location. The other two were taken from the back and side yards, necessitating a climb up a high wall. That's just too unwelcoming in my opinion. But she still professes to love the neighborhood — but any bikes are securely chained now, that's for sure.

Ed Bieber right from our neighborhood is a champion bicyclist. He has been the DC Champion and holds the record from Washington to Baltimore for ohhhh 25 or 30 years. I hear he has a drawer, a deep drawer, filled with gold watches. Ed, take a bow or better yet take a spin around with your hands over your head as you pedal so that we will recognize you. Yea!

Claire Ciftci was seen in royal purple and what a complimentary color on her these days with her gray hair. Just one of those show stoppers — it was ahhh time as she greeted guests in her place in Hughes Mews during the recent holiday. Folks in the Mews are so friendly and nice. It is a special place to live in Foggy Bottom and to think a few years back they were going to raze it. Would have been a crying shame since I feel so a part of the area. Did you know that **Benita Belden** is unofficially mayor of the Mews? She has lived there for 28 years and deserves the honor.

Oh, by the way, Ciftci's son **Kim** is busily engaged in setting up his own import business from Turkey. His father lives in that land and Kim has visited off and on throughout the years.

Items of Interest from the DC Register

By Barbara F. Kahlow

Notices of Public Meetings

- 5/7 City Council's Committee of the Whole on 2 Zoning Commission nominees: Jerrily Kress & William Johnson
- 5/18 City Council's Committee on Government Operations on Advisory Neighborhood Commission Vacancy Amendment Act of 1993
- 5/18 & 5/21 City Council's Committee of the Whole on DC Comprehensive Plan Amendments Act of 1993 & Proposed Ward Plans
- 6/5 City Council's Committee on Consumer & Regulatory Affairs on the Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs
- 6/9 Board of Zoning Adjustment on Revised Plans for 2501 Pennsylvania Avenue
- 6/21 City Council's Committee on Consumer & Regulatory Affairs on 2 Historic Preservation Review Board nominees: Romaine Thomas & Calvin Lockridge
- 6/21 City Council's Committee on Consumer & Regulatory Affairs on Alcoholic Beverage Control Board nominee: Mary Eva Candon
- 7/21 Zoning Commission on Mayor's proposed amendment to 11 DCMR to allow over 15 residents at youth residential care homes — Hurt Home case

Other Notices

- 4/9 Introduction of bill to close the public alley in Square 120 (the IMF)
- 4/16 Introduction of bill: Alcoholic Beverage Control Act & Rules Reform Amendment Act of 1993
- 4/16 Appointment of Dennis Bass to Mayor's Advisory Panel on Public Safety & Justice
- 5/7 Zoning Commission received application for final stage for AGC Planned Unit Development at 1957 E Street
- 5/14 On 5/4, City Council passed "Underage Drinking Amendment Emergency Declaration Resolution of 1993"
- 5/14 Final Rule (3 DCMR 13) for Filling Vacant Seats on ANCs
- 5/21 DCRA on applications to raze 1716, 1718, 1722 & 1726 H Street
- 5/28 DC Act 10-24, "Underage Drinking Emergency Amendment Act of 1993"



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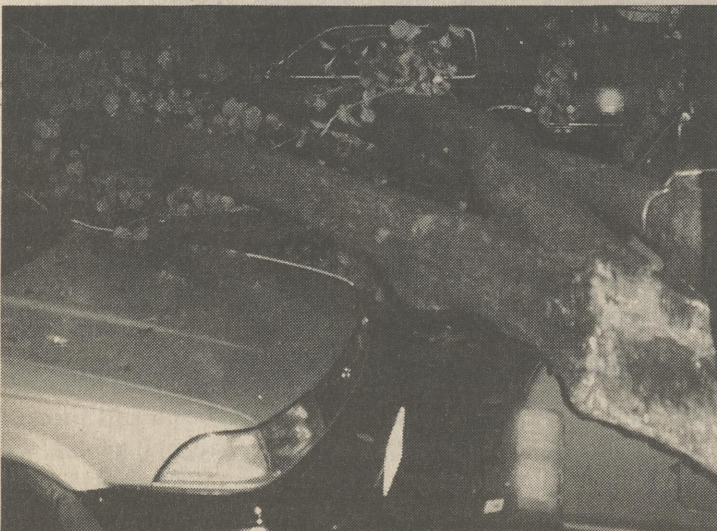
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Goodbye old friend . . . giant elm tree on Eye Street near New Hampshire fell during brief but violent thunderstorm recently . . . you'll be sorely missed by us all. The convertible's owner was sorriest of all.

A bolt of lightning split a Bradford Pear, a sheer beauty a few weeks ago on 25th Street during the same thunderstorm. No personal injuries involved but some motor vehicles were damaged.



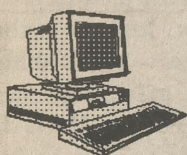
Bradford Pear trees line median strip on K Street near 25th making it look more like a boulevard than a raceway to the Whitehurst Freeway. Our thanks to Maria Tyler, Commissioner for ANC-2A, for this year's first blooms.

Senior Citizens!!! Focus On Your Health

A free conference to help Seniors take control of their health will be held July 9th at the Washington Hospital Center. Your parking ticket will be validated and it starts at 9:00 a.m. with registration and refreshments. From then on, until 12:15 luncheon, there will be a series of important lectures 30-45 minutes in length, concerning your body and health by some outstanding doctors.

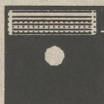
Please come to the monthly FBA meeting for more complete information on the workshops, the health screenings available there, and for health medication counseling. Reservations for this valuable program are due by June 25 (perhaps they will allow them a little later). Contact the Washington Hospital Center, Public Affairs Room 28-29, call 877-6301. The functions will be over at 3:30 p.m. Do not hesitate to call me if you would like some additional information.

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From By-Gone Days

Greek Cookies

By John Howerton

(Reprinted from June 1959 Foggy Bottom News)

Since this is the first full edition since our February meeting, it is our first opportunity to thank Mrs. Marianne Mellonas for the delightful Greek cookies (Kolouria) which were served at that meeting.

These cookies are traditionally a part of the Greek Easter Celebration, and are first served with roast lamb and eggs (whose shells have been dyed red) in the wee hours of Sunday morning just after the midnight Easter service. The Easter season lasts 40 days and the cookies are served at all the celebrations and on the Holy Days throughout the season. They are about twice the size of our American cookies.

Mrs. Mellonas is a comparatively new member of our Association. She is the wife of Pete Mellonas, proprietor of Mellonas Restaurant at 2514 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,

where she reigns as "The Hostess with the Mostest."

Kolouria are not on the menu at the restaurant, but Mrs. Mellonas has kindly provided us with the recipe.

Greek Cookies — Kolouria

1/2 lb. butter
1/2 doz. eggs
3 tsp. vanilla
3-1/2 tsp. heaping baking powder
2 cups of sugar
1/2 cup cream
Flour sifted - approx. 9 cups
Cream butter, add sugar and vanilla. Beat until light and fluffy. Add eggs and continue to beat until blended. Add cream and gradually add flour, kneading until dough can be rolled without sticking. Shape into twists. Brush cookies with beaten egg and bake at 350 degrees for approximately 20-30 minutes.

Foggy Bottom Cuisine

New Orleans Pralines

(Reprinted from January 1959 Foggy Bottom News)

To anyone who has strolled through the Vieux Carre of New Orleans, the enchantment of its old iron grillwork on fences, doors and balconies, its charming patios and tiny courtyards tucked away behind the facades of houses, provided an unforgettable memory that time never erases — to say nothing of the cobbled streets and the odors and flavors of French perfumes and cuisines that abound in this unique area.

One of our pioneer Foggy Bottom residents who traces her lineage to South Carolina has given us this southern

recipe, and while she admits the praline originated in New Orleans she says it is as well known and as popular in Charleston as it is in the Louisiana city. Her name, Mrs. Madeleine McCandless of 810 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. And here is her recipe:

1 lb. light brown sugar
1 small can of evaporated milk
3/4 stick of margarine
2 small cans of pecans

Use a heavy medium-size iron skillet for cooking. Mix milk and sugar together and stir slowly over a low flame. After it begins to boil cook for 10 minutes and continue stirring. Then add margarine and pecans and cook for 5 minutes longer, still stirring. Remove from the fire and stir until the mixture becomes glassy. Then spoon out on waxed paper or aluminum foil. To insure the success of these delicious pralines, exact timing as given in this recipe is extremely important.

Ann Goodwin

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Las Vegas or Atlantic City will give you much better odds. But Las Vegas bettors can mostly afford to lose; here the

tremendous publicity is making gamblers of millions of people, and much of this is grocery and rent money.

A moral issue? Last December the Maryland Attorney General opposed the new Keno lottery, pending public hearings on the social and economic impact. It was introduced anyway in January. Peoples Drug stores in Foggy Bottom used to sell Lotto tickets. An official tells me he believes it was discontinued because "sort of in the category of Playboy, beer, and porno literature, a lot of good customers complained."

Fraud. Lottery people got it legalized in New York State against strong opposition by promising the profits would go for the schools. A hoax — the Legislature simply reduces the amount in the budget for schools by the amount of the lottery.

For Foggy Bottom apparent

ly we don't have that much interest; there are relatively few stores like the store at Watergate selling the tickets. And we don't want local students "educated" to play such numbers. In Washington, as elsewhere, the poorer districts are richest pickings for liquor and gambling like numbers, the races, and lotteries.

I have no illusions; there is no way we can persuade the many states now with legal lotteries to turn off this fountain of gold.

But we should restrict promotion, as we do for liquor and increasingly for smoking; don't allow more exploitation of the most vulnerable. I remember my friend at the stationery telling me of the widow scraping by on Social Security, putting twenty dollars a week into the lottery.

Tearing up the tickets again? You still have the dream. But the dollars are gone.

Donald R. Tobey

Foggy Bottom/West End Crime Report

C.A. Mitchell

The criminal activity reported in Foggy Bottom/West End residential area for May 1993 includes:

Robbery

5/3 22nd & G St 11:20p
5/9 25th & H St :05a
5/10 2201 G St 11:00a
5/17 21st & L St 2:50p
5/22 801 New Hamp Ave :15a
5/29 24th & I St 10:45p

Burglaries/Thefts in Homes

5/2 1012 22nd St
5/5 902 25th St
5/7 2138 G St

5/17 2201 K St
5/22 2138 F St
5/27 900 24th St

Stolen Auto

5/1 2601 Virginia Ave 1988 Plymouth
5/8 915 26th St 1988 Pontiac
5/11 1000 New Hamp Ave
5/11 2200 N St
5/12 21st & H St 1992 Honda
5/19 24th & H St 1992 Isuzu
5/26 2600 L St 1989 Ford
5/30 2200 N St 1987 Nissan

Theft from Auto

May: 30 thefts

Simple Assault

5/1 2100 M St 1:00a
5/16 26th & K St 4:00a
5/18 24th & N St 9:00a
5/22 901 23rd St 6:50p
5/28 2400 M St 6:15p

Destruction of Property

5/1 605 21st St

According to a fact sheet distributed by Captain Swope of the 2nd District, there were 73 burglaries in our district in 1992, down from 127 in 1991. Although this is an improvement, area residents can help reduce burglaries further through a prevention program.

Burglary is a crime of opportunity, and most burglars will give up if they can't gain entry in a few minutes. Home owners can encourage this behavior by securing points of easy entry, including doors, windows, and skylights. All dark areas outside the home should be lighted, especially doors and windows (but watch for shadows that can conceal a burglar's activity).

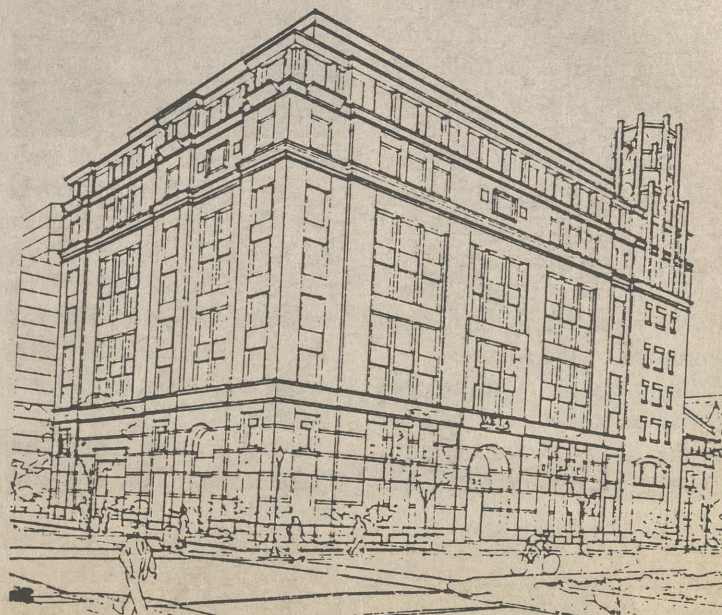
Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. Assist by reporting non-emergency, suspicious activity to the Metropolitan Police Department at 727-4326. Call 911 for emergencies.

WETA (continued from page 1)

house owned by the Catholic Church. Entrance to the building will be on H Street.

WETA is a public, non-profit institution dedicated to the educational use of telecommunications and broadcast technologies. It holds a non-commercial radio and television license in the District of Columbia. WETA is one of the television production centers for the Public Broadcast System (PBS), including Channel 26. Its productions and presentations include: "The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour" and "Washington Week in Review." WETA also has a radio station (FM 91) with National Public Radio news and arts features. WETA receives no local government funding although the District Government has pledged financing for the proposed project through city-backed bonds. WETA has a 24-hour operation and will be consolidating at the new site 250 employees from six sites.

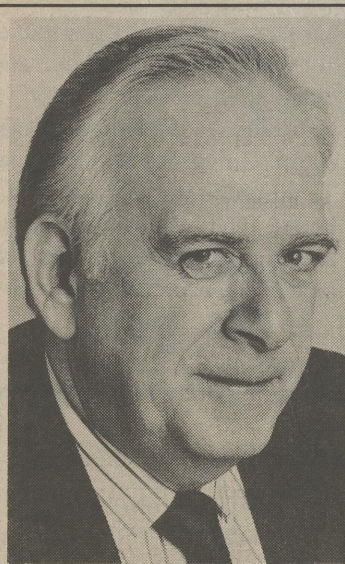
Under the proposed project, WETA will own the building and pay for 70% of the construction costs while GWU will continue



to own the land and pay the remaining expenses (30%). The property is zoned residential (R-5-D) although it is part of the BZA-approved Campus Plan which permits educational and mixed use on the site. The building will be used by both GWU and WETA: 56% shared, 28% sole for WETA, and 16% sole for GWU. The shared uses include a 300-seat auditorium, studio, and teleconferencing center. The proposed building can be described as follows: 119 feet in height including the penthouse, 110 parking spaces, eight floors above grade and three below grade (two for parking), two bay loading dock in the rear; and an entrance with car drop-off.

The project will require the Zoning Board to approve variances for height (maximum allowable — 90 feet) and use (non-profit organization in a residentially-zoned area). There was no announced amenity package associated with the PUD application.

The WETA project is one of several projects under consideration by the University. Within the next few months, GWU will be presenting plans for new student housing and a Health and Wellness Center at 23rd and G. It also plans to modify the Marvin Center and the hospital.



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By Betty Olsen

Have you seen The Neighborhood Video by The George Washington University? It was mailed out to parents of students this year to tell them all about Foggy Bottom and its conveniences, safety, beauty, and down-right hominess in the nation's capital. On the cover of the video is Anne Lomas' yellow rose bush that blooms so pungently and prettily with her townhouse in the background.

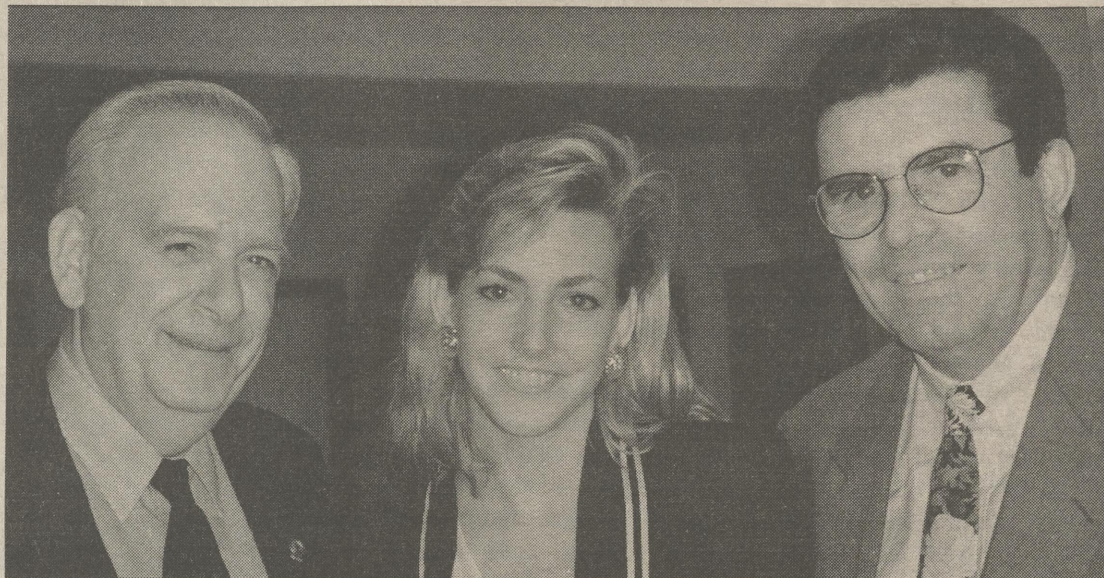
When you view it, you'll see Pat Patterson picking up his morning paper at his front door and his ever-present clown with broken umbrella in his picture window. Along with Patterson (did you know that you were in the movies, Pat?), glimpses of Bobby Fountain playing with other children in Hughes Mews. Bobby is the young son of Beth Fountain of the Mews.

The video opens with a shot of Melita Rodeck's townhouse in the Foggy Bottom Historic District with Watergate shown prominently as well. It also has a short history of the Foggy Bottom Historic District. Even the Foggy Bottom News picturing President Trachtenberg is shown, kind of an Alfred Hitchcock twist, his showing up in the video.

All in all the five-minute video of our neighborhood moves along quite entertainingly and for the most part accurately describes it. Other shots, of course, are of capital buildings and memorials, and naturally of The George Washington University campus and buildings with students providing the running narratives.

The video probably won't receive an Emmy but it is well done and I for one enjoyed it thoroughly. If you know someone at the University ask to borrow it for a viewing — you'll enjoy it too.

Prudential Preferred Properties has moved to bigger offices in the Westbridge. They opened the offices with a reception with people from the main office on Wisconsin and from the Calvert Street offices enjoying the layout but also catching up with their neighboring real



estate cohorts. Tom Murphy came to Foggy Bottom from his prior offices out in Silver Spring and his office has interesting framed pictures of all the presidents he has worked with from the Truman administration up to Clinton, ten of them, I believe.

Visited with a father and daughter team, Tom and Shannon McClosky. Shannon is with Prudential. Tom's tie was a real conversation piece of the evening. It had pink and yellow full bloomed roses on a green and cream background. Tom too sported a light tan which really set it off. His daughter said that I would spoil him if I told him one more time how good he looked. Well he did and had the panache to carry that "bloomin" tie off. Now I guess he'll be spoiled rotten since I mentioned it again, Shannon.

Michael Mears who is now affiliated with Murphy was also at the reception, introducing newcomers to all Prudential personnel. It was Michael who let us know we erred in Tom's ad last month, making him #2 in sales when he remains #1. Sorry, Tom.

I met Judy Harris who grew up in a house that used to be on 23rd and G; she had a lot of interesting stories of the area. She is thinking about moving back into the area — she's a runner and was sporting a tan that went well with a big smile to be back in Foggy Bottom. Harris works at the Justice Department so I was trying to tell her how con-

venient it would be to run to work.

It is not toooooo soooooon to plan on joining Father Darwin Price and Julius Tilghman on a trip to the British Isles in the summer of 1994. St. Mary's Episcopal Church Choir is scheduled to sing in Canterbury Cathedral and other places of Anglican worship. There will be plenty of time on your own to tour and enjoy British life. The trip is estimated to cost \$2,000 per person and a \$50 deposit is requested to reserve space. Mark your check "English Tour" and send A.S.A.P.

Henry Cox, maintenance-everything-man at Swarthmore, was seen recently polishing the brass on the large wooden doors there. Cox is a one-man operation and is a "shining ex-

ample." I wonder why the powerful World Bank cannot shine the brass on the front door of its bookstore in the 1700 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. Makes you wonder about today's world, doesn't it?

Speaking of the Swarthmore: Richard Watkins, manager there, is fit as a fiddle these days, so the doctor says. He had been at George Washington hospital for a stay.

Pat Tith is off again consulting in Germany and surrounding countries such as France and Finland. She has a sister in Paris whom she visits when she is over there. Everyone should have a sister in Paris. What's her name again, Pat? Just in case you can't go sometime I'll fill in. Ooo-la-la, mais oui — would I ever?

Jacqueline Geets, one of the concierges at 2401 Pennsylvania, was all excited recently moving into a house with friends in Virginia. It is a Big house with a Big yard and she was wearing a BIG smile as she was telling me all about it.

So sorry to hear of Connie Spencer's recent death. She was the manager of the Potomac Plaza. Seemed as though she was dancing at a wedding with her nephew when she suddenly became ill and died shortly after.

Neighbors are still lamenting John Wilson's death. Everyone had a story about the man who was so much a part of our lives in Foggy Bottom/West End.

By the way the United Church Food Closet ALWAYS needs food — canned goods, particularly meat products and/or other items such as cereals. Please leave in the church office or call George Maisill 703/354-4083 or the church office 202/331-1495 if you want to share in the food the closet gives away to needy families every other Saturday.

Speaking of churches in the neighborhood — St. Paul's Parish's services on Sundays are most impressive. Neighbor Marifran Langvardt read at the 11 o'clock service recently as a lay person. It is a must at sometime to take part or just watch and listen and appreciate. The Rev. Fr. Richard Martin Cornish is the rector of St. Paul's Parish.

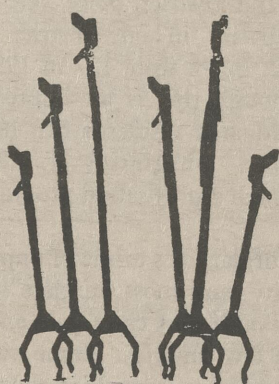
St. Mary's Court, always newsy, enjoyed a concert in the dining room by The Washingtons from the Junior League of Washington. Then a bit later the Children's Choir of St. Mark's Episcopal Church presented a concert followed at the end of the month by Nathaniel Wilson, son of St. Mary's Court resident, Jamie Wilson, who gave a program of operatic music.

In between the concerts at the Court Peoples Drug and CVS sponsored a health-wise presentation on "Patient Compliance . . . It's Up to Us." Peoples provided one of their pharmacists who discussed the responsibilities that everyone has in taking medications. Hmm that sounded interesting. Don't forget as Barbara Brunton and her assistant Bill Matthews have said, "Everyone in the neighborhood is invited for all events at St. Mary's Court." Call 223-5712 for information.

If you dine at Casey's ask to be seated at Carlos Cruz' table; he is an excellent waiter and soooo pleasant and prompt.

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to hire qualified faculty and administrators. Ronald H. Stein, a vice president at the State University of New York at Buffalo and editor of the Journal for Higher Education Management, is the co-editor with Trachtenberg. Publication date was April 16.

Meanwhile at the United Church Spring Luncheon and Arts and Crafts Fair —

Saw Elaine Lozier selling her original silk scarves visiting Alexandra Barazzone of Potomac Plaza who both tried

on hats by Alexandra for the camera. Also saw at the honey table Watergate West's Dr. John Cooper who has retired from government service spent in Asiatic countries and Africa. He even gave me some cookies that I was going to eat on the way home, but you guessed it — out of the four I only had one left to last me from the church to 25th and K. Pu-Chin who instructs Tai-Ji Ch'uan at her Wisconsin and O studio was also present. The essence of Tai-Chi by the way is the 2,000-year-old Chinese method of exercise to achieve health and tranquility

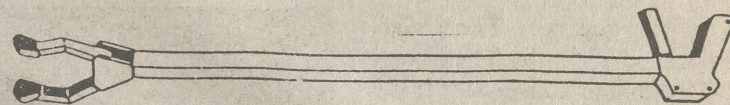
for both body and mind which is affected by controlled and graceful movement with meditation. I just learned that myself so I'm passing it on to you. Pu-Chin gave a demonstration earlier in the day.

The Fair was held at the Church located at 1920 G Street, NW. That's the church which has the German and English services. Call 686-1229 for more information.

I have been on a one-woman litter control campaign since January. First I adopted the medians on K Street so they would look like a boulevard instead of

a speedway. Sometimes I travel to the park at Pa. and L, go across Pennsylvania Avenue to the park across from the West-

will save me a stop), Mary Brewster who has adopted the green space on 26th Street as her personal project; and the 7-11



bridge and down the block to the West End Library.

Another route of mine is up the K Street access road, over to the green spaces on Pennsylvania, across Pennsylvania and around the corners where pedestrian traffic is the heaviest, especially at the bus stops.

Others who have joined in the effort to make Foggy Bottom and West End litter free are The Claridge House which also waters the greenery on the medians on K Street as part of their pride in the neighborhood; the Swarthmore, St. Stephen Martyr Church, River Inn, Friends of the West End Library (that

on New Hampshire Avenue.

There is a tool which has made my life easier by far in my campaign on litter control. It has a gripper on the end that can pick up a thin dime (getting thinner all the time as we speak) or a bottle, can, newspaper, bags, glass chards, cigarette butts, string, etc. etc. It can pick up almost anything or at least drag it to the nearest trash receptacle. It has a 1001 uses; comes in different colors and different lengths. Call me at 202/965-1506 to order yours — to reach top shelves, backs of closets, or for beautification projects like mine.

Happy Fourth of July!!!



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(pasta, beans, etc.); toilet and facial tissue, toiletries (shaving gear, soap, etc.); and other nonperishable items.

The parishioners of the historic church have been very supportive of the bank, and recently received thanks from the clinic for helping feed the 700 Food-bank clients. The program is part of the Episcopal Caring Response to AIDS. St. Mary's is at 728 23rd Street, N.W.

I Have Noticed

Everything is farther away than it used to be. It is even twice as far to the corner and they have added a hill.

I have given up running for the bus; it leaves earlier than it used to.

It seems to me they are making the stairs steeper than in the old days. And have you noticed the smaller print they use in the newspapers?

There is no sense in asking anyone to read aloud anymore, as everybody speaks in such a low voice I can hardly hear them.

The material in dresses is so skimpy now, especially around the hips and waist, that it is almost impossible to reach one's

shoelaces. And the sizes don't run the way they used to. The 12s and 14s are so much smaller.

Even people are changing. They are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am.

I ran into an old classmate the other day and she has aged so much that she didn't recognize me.

I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning and in so doing I glanced at my own reflection. Really, now, they don't even make good mirrors like they used to.

-Unknown

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for further proceedings. Contributions to cover legal costs are urgently needed. To date the FBA has spent over \$11,000 on this case and has received contributions in excess of \$7,000.

The FBA will once again hold its annual fall festival in October. Please remember to save unwanted items for our White Elephant sale. Have a great summer and see you in the fall!

Chris Lamb
President

We owe special thanks to many people in Foggy Bottom who keep things moving and enhance our community by their efforts.

First my special thanks to those who help distribute the *Foggy Bottom News*:

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And to all who contribute to the paper: C.A. Mitchell who keeps us current on crime and safety issues; Councilmember Jack Evans, Don Tobey, Robby Jones, Barbara Kahlow, and

Playground News

A small group of residents interested in the children's playground met recently and made some plans for the area.

First of all, the pile of wood chips donated by the Takoma Tree & Landscaping Co. is being dispersed to places in the park where they will be of benefit. Also there will soon be a delivery of sand for the sandbox and some soft soil for under the swings. These latter two are made possible by donations from the Griffin and the parents of the Natural Day Care Center and other individuals.

The committee has had an offer of plants, and there are several spots which could use the talents of a gardener. So — calling all green thumbs, perhaps someone who lives in an apartment and would like this opportunity for wonderfully creative expression. Call Catherine Miller at 338-6389 if you're interested.

Another pressing need is for conversion of those misguided citizens who bring animals (dogs and cats) into the playground area to use as a latrine. It still is so hard for most of us to understand letting this happen in an area dedicated to children; again we ask — would you want your children stepping in it?

others who contribute articles and write letters. They help make the FBN a true community paper.

And, of course, to Betty Olsen, a woman of many talents which she uses for our community — writing, taking fine pictures, handling advertising, promoting FB wherever she goes, and leaving a nicer, tidier, prettier trail behind her.

Thanks also to Sterling Schiffman and Comprint, and to an Honorary FB resident, Barbara Battles of Casillas Press. Without her and the support of the Casillas clan, our fine community newspaper would be a problem not a pleasure.

To St. Mary's Court, for being depository for the paper each month; to One Washington Circle Hotel for hosting Board meetings, and St. Paul's for having our regular meetings.

And to each and every advertiser, old and new, who support the *News* through the year. You're the best.

Finally, many many thanks to the FBA 1992-93 Executive Board for all their hard work throughout the past year and to the Foggy Bottom Association membership and the rest of the Foggy Bottom/West End community who made this year a success for the FBA. See you next year, and best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer.

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FALL FESTIVAL IS OCTOBER 2

BE THERE!!

The Foggy Bottom Association will sponsor its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 2, from 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. at the Eye Street Mall between 23rd and 24th Streets (near the Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro Station). The rain date (perish the thought) is October 9.

Events slated for the day -- so far -- include:

- ◆ Entertainment Galore
- ◆ White Elephant Sale
- ◆ Food Fare of All Kinds
- ◆ Home-Baked Goodies for Sale
- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Clothesline art show and a pet show

(Fall Festival - see page 2)

DONATIONS NEEDED

- White Elephant Items
- Home Baked Goods
- Time and Talent

White Elephant Items: The perfect way to put unwanted household items to good use is to donate them to the FBA White Elephant Sale. We are collecting small decorative items, kitchenware, books (hardcover and paperback), costume jewelry, pictures, small appliances (TVs, radios, microwaves, sewing machines), trinkets, plants, etc. etc.

(Donations - see page 2)

COME HEAR THE CANDIDATES

Tuesday, September 7

On Tuesday, September 7, 1993, the Foggy Bottom Association is hosting a forum at 7:30 p.m. for the candidates for Chair of the DC City Council. The candidates are vying to complete the term of the late John Wilson. It will be held at St. Paul's Parish Hall (on the south side of K Street between 24th and 25th Streets).

The candidates include: former DC City Council Chair Dave Clarke, current At-Large Member of the DC City Council Linda Cropp, Ward 1 citizen activist Marie Drissel, Socialist Party candidate Emily Fitzsimmons, and current Ward 4 Member of the DC City Council Charlene Drew Jarvis. All but Fitzsimmons are Democrats.

Please be prompt; some of the candidates have other commitments the same evening.

The special election is Tuesday, September 14, 1993. Come to the forum and ask the candidates' positions on areas of concern to you, e.g., the proposed move of Miriam's Kitchen. Everyone is welcome to attend the forum and everyone should plan to vote!

DATES TO NOTE

- ◆ Whitehurst Freeway Hearing
September 9

On September 9, 1993, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) will hold a hearing to approve the final design plans of the East End of the Whitehurst Freeway Rehabilitation Project. The Commission will decide whether to approve

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(Fall Festival, cont.)

Betty Olsen, the Festival Chair, has promised new and interesting features, especially in the entertainment area: drill teams, a clothesline art show, pet show with prizes, music, and perhaps some hoop-shooting with GWU's top basketball teams.

The food selections include the old standby hamburgers, plus chicken kabobs, spicy chicken wings, egg rolls and shish kabobs -- and sweet baked goods for dessert. The Silent Auction offers items such as gift certificates from local restaurants and businesses. And lots of things for sale -- baked goods, dried flowers, gourds, pumpkins, and the white elephant items -- books, household items, etc. etc. **BARGAINS GALORE!**

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BE THERE!!

(Donations Needed, cont.)

If you wish to donate items, you can take them to 2528 Eye Street, N.W. (the house has an entryway out of the weather); call 337-5528 to let her know they are coming. We can arrange for pick-up of large items only. We are not able to accept clothing, but accessories (e.g., scarves) are most welcome. Remember, you may not need or like the items, but most often someone else does!

Baked Goods: More bakers needed for FBA Festival October 2. Lucille Molinelli and Mary Lamb will be baking, but your creations are needed, too. Call Betty Olsen at 965-1506 to add your name to the list.

Time and Talent: For a successful neighborhood event such as this festival, there is lots and lots of help needed. If you want to share your talent and/or donate time to help either before or during the festival, call Betty Olsen, Festival Chair. She'll be happy to hear from you at 965-1506.

Thanks for your help; it is urgently needed to ensure the continued success at this annual neighborhood event.

(Dates to Note cont.)

plans presented by the Department of Public Works (DPW) or the Committee of 100 of the Federal City. The hearing will be held at 12:30 in Suite 301, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Individuals desiring to present their views in person should contact Robert Cosby at 724-0174 before Wednesday, September 8, 12:00 noon. Copies of NCPC's staff recommendation may be obtained on or after Friday, September 3.

◆ ANC Meeting
September 9

The Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2A) will meet on September 9 at St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. (across the street from Potomac Plaza

Terraces). The meeting will start at 7:30 and will be held in the basement. The Commission's main agenda item relates to several George Washington University projects including the Marvin Center and WETA.

◆ Mayor Kelly at FBA
September 28
[Tuesday -- not Monday]

Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly will address the Foggy Bottom Association at the first meeting of our new year. Please note date change to Tuesday, September 28th, at 7:30 p.m. Come early for a seat - standing room only last year!

The place: St. Paul's Parish Hall, 2430 K Street, N.W. The date was changed to accommodate the Mayor's schedule.